HA-**82**i PENNINGTON HOUSE Havre de Grace, Md.

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This two and a half story frame salt box served in the mid 19th century as a funeral parlor and cabinet maker's shop.

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The Pennington house is a small, frame saltbox located on the corner of Freedom Alley at 522 Pennington Avenue (formerly St. Clair Street), facing north. The house is presently divided into two rental units; it is two stories, four-bay by two-bay, and rests on a cement foundation. The structure is covered with clapboards; old clapboards are present on the east end of the south wall. There is a one-story shed roof addition on the rear. An old photograph (c. 1890) shows that there used to be a two-story shed addition on the northeast elevation similar to the existing one on the northwest elevation. In the photograph the flanking shed additions have no front elevation windows although there is aifrst floor door on each side.

All of the present windows have six-over-six light, double-hung sash. Almost all of them display old framing and pegged sash. North elevation (front) window openings on the northeast side are larger than those in the northwest shed wing.

The front elevation contains two entrance doors, each with three cement steps. Both doors have four panels with the uppermost panel replaced with glass.

The gable roof, with ridge perpendicular to the street, has a long slope to the west and is covered with asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney is centered on the south, gable end of the roof.

A large yard with a grape arbor extends behind the house and to the west of it. There are no out-buildings.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pennington house was the first building in which the Pennington Funeral Home was located. Since the early 1800's, the business has been operated by five generations of the Pennington family. George T. Pennington was mayor of Havre de Grace from 1923-36. It was he for whom Pennington Avenue, formerly St. Clair Street, was named.

Architecturally, the house is significant for its saltbox shape which is unusual for the town. Its corner position makes it an integral part of the Freedom Alley streetscape. This type of small, simple frame dwelling is all too often torn down and replaced with a modern building which is incompatible with the scale and size of the surrounding buildings. The Pennington house contributes to the overall impression of Havre de Grace as a nineteenth-century town.

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